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“Where Is the Love?” Letter Writing Activity

Completed Rough Draft Due: Monday, April 2nd

Completed Final Draft Due (typed and printed): _____



DIRECTIONS:

The Black Eyed Peas and Justin Timberlake have created a website where they would like student letters to be posted with literary critiques of their lyrics. You must **explain what you believe the meaning of the song is** and through a **critique of the author’s style** (choose two components to discuss: language, tone, mood, repetition, metaphor). Then, you must make a *judgment on the value* of this song. Provide specific support (words, lines, phrases) from the song, and elaborate on why this song was or was not valuable in helping you to understand the world around you. Keep in mind your audience is the general public (anyone can go on this website and read your letter)!

Final Form Requirements: 3 full body paragraphs (5-6 sentences minimum), Times New Roman, 12 pt font, double-spaced)

REMEMBER when writing a letter you must have the following key components:

- ✓ Heading
- ✓ Salutation
- ✓ Body Paragraphs
- ✓ Closing
- ✓ Signature

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TASK	Points	self eval.	Teacher eval.
<u>CONTENT (60 pts)</u>			
-high level of thought, insight & accuracy	20	_____	_____
-Explain what you believe is meaning of the song	10	_____	_____
-Provide support (choose 2: language, tone, mood, repetition, metaphor)	15	_____	_____
-Make a judgment on value of song, using specific support from lyrics	15	_____	_____
<u>FORMAT: Friendly Letter (25 pts)</u>			
-Heading	5	_____	_____
-Salutation	5	_____	_____
-3 Body Paragraphs	5	_____	_____
-Closing	5	_____	_____
-Signature	5	_____	_____
<u>OVERALL MECHANICS (15 pts)</u>			
Correct: spelling, capitals, grammar, punctuation, complete sentences, organization, paragraphs double spaced, typed, TNR, 12 pt font	15	_____	_____
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Total Points:	100	_____	_____